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CONSERVATION AT THE BOARD MEETING

What do they do at Board meetings? Here is a sketch of a few of the items covered at the meeting on May 4, 1957. Retiring President Alex Hildebrand reviewed our present status at the opening of the meeting. The Club has grown from 9000 to 12000 in the past two years, a marvellous achievement but one which brings increasing responsibilities to the public in proportion as we grow, and an overall load which threatens to rise faster than we can deal with it.

Dave Brower's report told of his work now extending to at least three points of the compass (he hasn't been to Hawaii yet). There were seventy meetings on his various eastern trips, attendance at the North American Wildlife Conference, rewarding personal visits to Congressmen, civic leaders, and editors of papers and magazines. He made several visits to the North West states which have such marvellous scenic resources and such poor plans for it. He summed up by stating the necessity for keeping in touch with like-minded groups and supporting their work too.

A raft of small dams came up for discussion. Policy was clearly defined. The Club opposes dams for power (if they would destroy scenic value) on the principle that we can get power from other sources. Incidentally we heard that a Southern California Utility company will refuse to take power from a project on the Colorado because it can get steam power at almost half the cost. Dams for flood control and irrigation are studied closely for significant values and alternatives.

State Park matters were outlined by Newton Drury, Director of the State Department of Beaches and Parks. Bill A. B. 32 to create a State Recreation Survey with real money in its pocket to work with, is safely through the Ways and Means Committee. The Tamalpais bill is now in an "omnibus" and Mr. Drury was uncertain just how far it had travelled since he left Sacramento. He made it clear that the Department was concerned at present with defensive activities. There are bills which would allow local

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ANNUAL MEETING OF BOARD AND COUNCIL

The weekend of May 4-5 was an important one for the Sierra Club. The annual organization meeting of the Board of Directors brought new faces and new officers. The new Directors were there, Clifford Youngquist of Los Angeles and Edgar Wayburn of San Francisco. The Board elected new officers at this meeting and the Executive Committee now shows a very new face. Dr. Harold C. Bradley is our new President. He deserves the fine welcome he received at both Board meeting and dinner. Elmer Aldrich was named Vice President and is possibly the first V. P. to preside at part of his first meeting while the President stepped down to give a report. Lewis Clark continues as Secretary. Richard M. Leonard takes on that thankless job of Treasurer, and Nathan Clark become fifth member of the Executive Committee.

About fifty people attended the meeting, including leading officials of National Park, National Forest and State Park agencies. Meanwhile the Council was celebrating its first birthday by attending the Board meeting after re-electing all its own Executive committee for another year. A full Council meeting was held on the Sunday with more than forty delegates, alternates and friends attending.

--CMC

This is a reminder that NOW is the time to send letters to your State Representatives regarding Tamalpais State Park. Please consult the special folder sent out to you on this subject, and you will find to whom, and where, to address your letters.

HELP WANTED

The Club office needs a clerk-typist as Averill Dayton has left to take a job in Eureka. Call the Club office, YUkon 2-2822.

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boards of supervisors to veto State Park projects involving condemnation of property and would also open State Parks to commercial uses such as grazing. Emerald Bay is in a particularly hazardous position. There is no doubt now that both high and low level roads are feasible as all year highways, the difference being a matter of cost. We have a good case now and the Park Department and the conservationists should state their ideas forcefully and insist that all alternatives be exhausted before the State Park camp grounds and the scenic value is destroyed by the shoreline highway.

Glacier Peak Area. The Board heard with pleasure of a most generous gift from an eastern member, Stuart B. Avery, of money to make a film of the North Cascades region. This will be put in motion as soon as possible. The Outdoor Recreation bill which developed from the Scenic Resources Review, will be in both House and Senate in a few days from now. In it a 3 year commission is set up to define our scenic resource areas.

An important measure urged by the National Wildlife Federation is the Anti-Pollution Bill now before the Senate after barely squeezing through the House. Here is the type of a measure on which we can work to help our conservationist friends who are particularly interested in the lowland wildlife and water life. The High Sierra Wilderness Area in the middle portion of the Sierra Nevada will be much enlarged by a proposed addition along the western edge of Kings Canyon National Park and the land at the headwaters of the North Fork of the Kings River. The Directors increased their contribution to the International Union for the Conservation of Nature which is doing excellent work on a worldwide basis but is about to collapse from poverty. Perhaps we can help to persuade the United States Government to give it official support.

We could go on and on... but the Editor is waiting for the copy.

--CMC

MOUNTAIN-EARS HEAR

If you miss Norma Ockree for the next few months on hikes it's because - of all the dumb things to happen to a hiker - an old leg injury flared up. Friends of Norma hope she will come out on car camping trips to keep that outdoor color and spirit going. Another unfortunate victim of "dumb things to happen" is Tom Gibson, knapsacker and Sunday hiker, who suffered an ankle injury on the first knapsack trip of the season. Tom, who is sufficiently recovered to return to duty, will lose part of the season, but hopes to be back in condition for some knapsacking this year.

Al and Cyla Steck are the proud parents of a son, Lee, born April 23 -- if he follows in his father's footsteps, we hope there are enough Himalayan Mts. left for him to climb.

Hang on to your parkas -- Bettie Wyatt Peck is now living in Anchorage, Alaska--she was married on December 8, 1956 to L. W. Peck. Also recently married -- but not wearing parkas are Herbert Rubin and Thelma Rothstein Foreman -- they've chosen the warmer climate of the Bay Area -- Herbert is tow manager and on the Lodge Committee.

As a parting note -- Erich Stern would like you to know that he will be "Lookout Man" on Argentine Rock, 8 miles east of Quincy, this Summer. (Oh?)

--NP

EASTER SUNDAY TAMALPAIS HIKE

Easter always comes at the nicest time of the year for the annual afternoon hike to Tamalpais. The spring flowers were abounding, especially the iris, and the day was sparkling clear for the many lovely views as we ascended.

We started from the Greyhound bus station at Mill Valley and walked up stairways and winding roads to get to the start of the trail. Though part of the way was rocky, steep and dry, we were inspired to go on by the views which appeared like scenes from a plane.

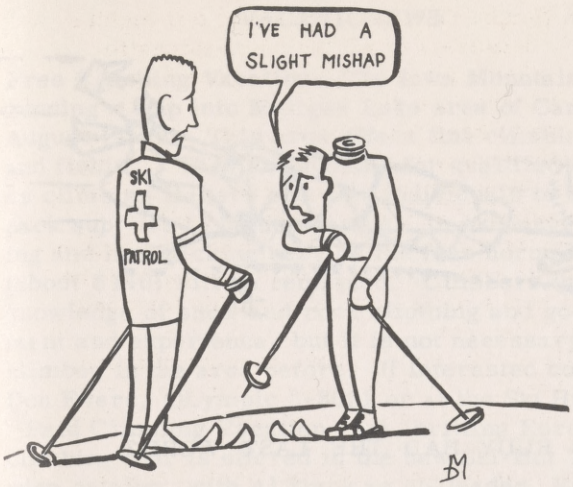
We returned via Mountain Home, thence to Mill Valley expressing the hope that we would meet again next Easter Sunday for the top of the mountain trip.

--MS

SPEECH RECORDED FOR CEDRIC WRIGHT

The speech given by Dave Brower at the annual gathering at John Muir's grave was recorded, and will be played back for Cedric Wright. He is now recovering at his home at 3974 Canyon Road, Lafayette.

We are sure that club members will remember how much pleasure an occasional note will mean to him.



Oscar Carlson (as portrayed by staff cartoonist Dave Meschi) has inspired poetry by one of our feminine readers.

SLOPE DOPE'S LAMENT

Sadly do I meditate
On the injured skiier's fate:
It's a sport our friends deplore;
Pain and misery are ignored;
With the Boss man you are out,
Insurance Companies groan and shout,
Orthopods and X-ray have a very happy day
Fellow workers feel you muffed it.

Sympathy is non-existent
Understanding - boy you miss it.
Jeers and jibes yours to endure
Because snowy slopes you would explore.

With bowed head you meditate,
But not about unhappy fate.
You bear your burden with no complaint,
Thinking of another date.

Another year you'll bravely climb aboard,
And join the suicidal hoard
To glide cautiously across
Some lovely snowy slope.

--Keren White
Livermore, Cal.

FOR SALE

One pair Ski boots, Roggi, approximately size 7 medium, almost new, $25. E. Schohl, THornwall 8-6420 (eves), BEacon 3-7080 ext. 231, (days).

SIERRA CLUB
RIVER TOURING SECTION

An unscheduled RTS trip has been scheduled for June 1 and 2. If you like paddling in the lagoon, surfing, fishing, exploring, beachcombing, etc. this is for you.

From Inverness, drive 8 miles West, then 3 miles south over dirt roads to Estrero Beach on Drake's Bay. (There is a 50¢ admission charge.) Come for one or both days, and don't forget your drinking water.

For further information call Bob Jenny, OLympic 8-5580.

ERICH STERN'S HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Salt tablets with Vitamins B-1 and C (most difficult to get in dehydrated foods) are available in Owl Drug stores. The Rexall trade-name is Thermodex, 100 tablets for 49¢.

Orange and grapefruit crystals, having practically all vitamin C of the natural, and tasting like the natural product, are $1.50 for one pound can at the Ski Hut in Berkeley.

And a useful hint: hard to clean aluminum cooking pots may be cleaned by boiling salt-water in them (assuming the outside can stay dirty).

Erich also asks that anyone interested in scouting the northern Mother Lode Country, around La Porte, on May 16-19, call him at HEmlock 1-3840 or GArfield 1-5812.

ST. HELENA HIKE

The April 25 hike to Mt. St. Helena was more than just a good semi-annual trip to northern Napa County, which we have come to look forward to.

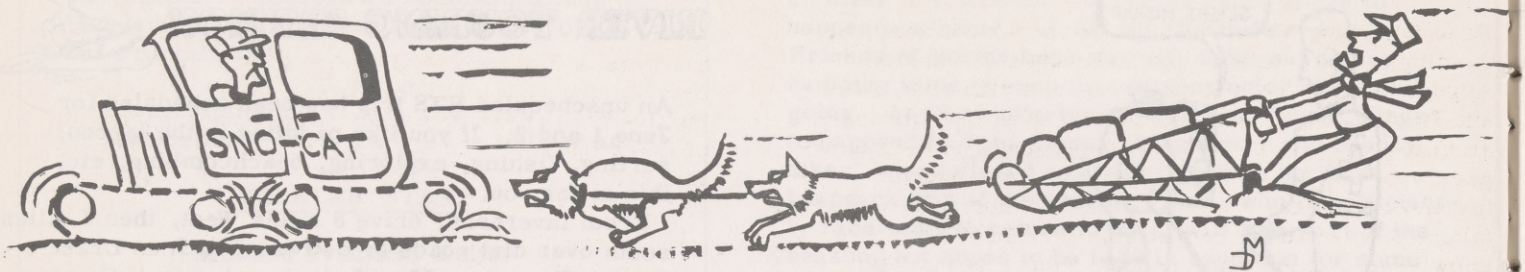
Eleanor Shaw, who has led the trip for many a year put aside personal grief caused by the recent death of her husband, to again show us the way and made the trip very interesting with her store of knowledge of the area.

The hike started from the new and undeveloped Robert Louis Stevenson State Park and went through the woods past the Robert Louis Stevenson monument, then up steep trails through low brush to the Forest Service road and on to the lookout spot for lunch. From this point we could see three counties, Napa, Lake and Sonoma. Mt. Shasta was visible on the northern horizon, so faint it almost had to be taken on trust. There is about 3,000 feet of "up" on this hike to 4,334 ft. high Mt. St. Helena which we all took in good stride and spirits.

--Ethel Unselt

LOST

on Mt. St. Helena trip, April 28, knapsack containing camera, film, pocket knife, etc. at parking area near highway below Silverado Ranch, starting point of hike. Finder please notify Al Hall, 5053 Pierpoint Ave., Oakland, KEllogg 6-4094.



TO LUDLOW HUT FROM ECHO LAKE

Last spring three of us read with interest the Yodeler's story of a ski tour from Echo Lake to Donner Summit. But this year a glance at the calendar told us Easter would be very late, and the light early pack at first discouraged us from trying a similar adventure. But it just kept on snowing through March and the pack piled deeper, so..... on a Sunday afternoon we drove over from Clair Tappaan Lodge to Echo Lake amid lifting storm clouds. This didn't mean much, though, as Monday was to be our only day of clear weather. Monday night we snow-camped in China Flat after crossing Lake Aloha and Mosquito Pass. Occasional clouds and a ring around the sun warned us of the coming storm. Tuesday morning it broke, and keeping the route to Ludlow became quite a problem. We strayed from it and that night snow-camped again along a creek southwest of Lost Corner Mountain at an elevation of about 6600 feet. The snow and wind continued all night, but we were somewhat protected by the very narrow valley we were tucked in.

Wednesday morning it was snowing lightly as we climbed up the shoulder of aptly named Lost Corner Mountain with 1000 feet of elevation to gain. As we came over the saddle at about lunch time, the most welcome of all sights greeted our eyes - Ludlow Hut! The main storm hit while we could enjoy it from the inside.

A foot of snow fell that afternoon and night.

You may be interested to know that the throne room door, which had been blown open long enough for some snow to accumulate inside, was repaired, at least temporarily. (Thank goodness!)

Thursday morning showed no sign of letup in the bad weather, so we skiied down McKinney Creek through a fairyland of fresh powder to Chambers Lodge, where we hopped a ride back to Norden. It was still snowing when we arrived, so we took a turn down Signal Hill, and skiing was superb! Just like midwinter, except for the longer day.

But the three of us--Bill Johnson, and Darrell and Jim Southwell, still plan to make the trip from "50 to 40".

--Darrell Southwell

HAS RUDY HAD THE LAST WORD?

Rudy and his Samoyeds have had a busy winter, what with ushering Santa to Auburn and Roseville at Christmas and later providing material for a San Francisco journalist's philosophic speculations on the comparative merits of women and dogs.

One other activity of the dog mushers deserves note-the first successful deluxe dog tour early in April. On a sunny Saturday morning, nine brave former non-ski-tourers, accompanied by ten dogs pulling the expedition's food on the sled, set forth for Peter Grubb Hut. Re-assured by the presence of this conveyance, a few of the group experimented with climbing waxes. Some of the others enjoyed downhill runs free of packs. Lunch, en route, was graced by a canned beverage that few back-packers bother to carry, definitely not "going light". A moment of contrast and irony greeted the weary tourers,at the foot of Castle Ridge when a sno-cat roared up and momentarily joined the dogs. At the hut, an epicurean meal soon materialized, charcoal broiled steaks, no less. Is this going to the dogs?

Thanks to Rudy's cheerful and competent leadership this group had a very pleasant introduction to ski touring. The participants on the first annual deluxe dog team trip were Diana Clayton, Evelyn Benson, Adele Armando, John Corgiat, Peggy Klenz, Roberta Codis, Carl Trost and Rudy.

--Anita Suran

OH, THE FLOWERS THAT BLOOM IN THE SPRING, TRA, LA

On our Saturday hike from Pan Toll to Muir Beach we strolled amidst fields of lupens and poppies dazzling to behold in the brilliant sunlight. If this galaxy became too much of a good thing, there were the cool, sloping hills of Marin to rest one's eyes on. The way was gentle and leisurely and we wended our way to Muir Beach for lunch and a doze or swim. By the late afternoon we were sufficiently relaxed to appreciate the trip by car direct from Muir Beach to the city.

--MS

VACATIONEWS

Free Climbing Vacation--The Iowa Mountaineers are running a trip into Maligne Lake area of Canada, August 14-28. This area offers fine climbing, hiking, and fishing. They are looking for qualified climbers as climbing leaders and also individuals to help backpack supplies to higher camps. In exchange for guiding and backpacking service the fees normally collected (about $140) will be remissed. Climbers must have knowledge of snow and rock climbing and good judgment and experience, but it is not necessary to have climbed in the area before. If interested contact Don Evers, OLympic 3-8021 or at the Ski Hut.

Paid Climbing Vacation -- A thrilling European climbing tour is offered in the new Ski-Hut Trailwise catalog, with Al Steck as co-leader. Estimated cost is slightly over a nominal $1000 including air transport NY to NY; see Al for further details.

Correction to March Sierra Club Bulletin. The prices for accessories on the Iron Mt. Base Camp should be: Horses $6 per day; Tents (umbrella) $15 per period; Tents (little side wall, $5 per period.

CALAVERAS BIG TREES

The East Bay Dinner, Wednesday May 22, will feature Mr. James Tryner (of State Beaches and Parks) and his slides taken during 3 years at this northernmost important grove of Sequoia Gigantea. He will discuss, among other things, the seasons and winter sports program there. This program replaces the one on the Farallon Islands.

The dinner will be at Whittier School Cafateria at 6 p.m. For dinner reservations or cancellations, phone Betty Franklin by Monday, May 20 at OLympic 5-5113. The program will follow the dinner, and if you can't make the dinner, come for the program anyway.

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Anna Rind, leader of the Mountain Play hike, announces that those catching the 8:05 bus on Van Ness or Lombard should take the Manor bus and transfer at Marin City to the Mill Valley bus, or take the Bolinas bus and get off at Mountain Home. There is no longer an 8:05 Mill Valley schedule.

Erwin Blodgett who works weekends, would like to hike with other Marin County members who are off on Wednesdays and Thursdays. If any of you have been unable to get on any club events because you are working, and haven't had anything to do on your mid-week weekends, call Erwin at GLenwood 4-9660.

BE A KNOW-IT-ALL KNAPSACKER

Again this year the Outing Committee is publishing a series of Knapsack Camping leaflets, prepared by experienced backpackers, and based on an extensive fund of knowledge gained through leadership of many outings. These information packed leaflets are available at 10¢ each from Betty Osborne, 150 Southwood Drive, SF-12.

1. Cross-country Route Planning, by Lou Henrich. New this year.
2. Personal Equipment
3. Cooking for Large Groups. (Revised this year)
4. Menu Planning for Knapsack Trips (Revised)
5. Menu Planning for Weekend Knapsack Trips.

Order your leaflets from Betty Osborn, 150 Southwood Drive, SF-12.

HELP WANTED

Counselors for their summer camp--Berkeley-Albany-Kensington Girl Scout Council, 1911 Rose, Berkeley 9, LAndscape 4-5372.

Commissary Help - several categories, occasional operation of supply equipment on trail trip commissary (more than one trip). Season: early June to September 9, 1957. Joe Wampler, Box 45, Berkeley 1, THornwall 3-4291.

Counselor for camp for diabetic children, from July 28 to August 25. Overnight camping trips and 3-day pack trips, are conducted. Contact Mary Olney, M.D. (executive director), 1429 4th Avenue, SF-22, SEabright 1-5113.

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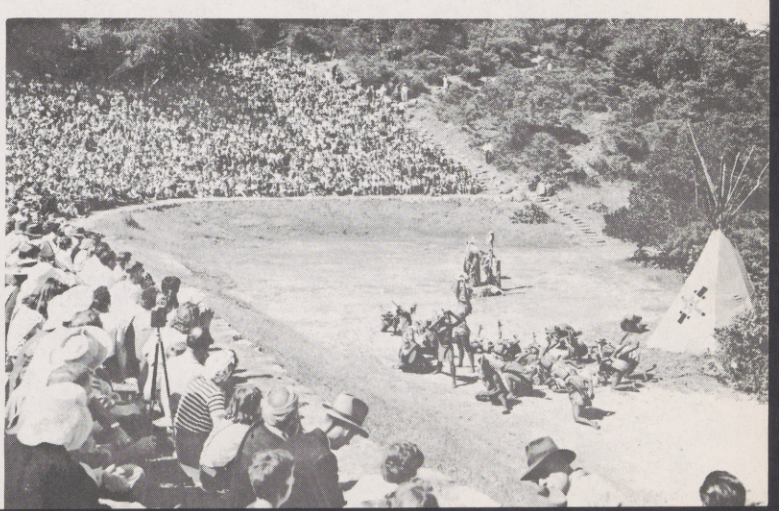

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ESCAPE IN THE HIMALAYAS

During the spring and summer of 1956 two local members of the Sierra Club, Dick Irvin and Bob Swift, participated in a joint British-American expedition to the Karakorum Himalaya. Objective of the trip was an attempt to scale Rakaposhi, an unclimbed 25,550' peak in northern Pakistan. Although limited by a low budget and a small party (only four men), the group attained a height of 23,500', 3000' higher than the best of five previous attempts on the mountain. Fighting through storms and over difficult rock and ice, the team established six camps before being engulfed at their high point by the worst monsoon to hit India in 75 years. Of the descent, Dick Irvin says, "We didn't retreat: we escaped!" Falls, avalanches, snow-blindness, lightning, and the monsoon helped minimize the tedium of this route.

The full story of this remarkable adventure will be presented in a Club-sponsored program at the Berkeley High School Little Theater on Thursday, May 23, at 8:30 p.m. In addition to their mountaineering appeal, the color slides and the hour-long film which will be shown present a beautiful glimpse into the remote valleys of northern Pakistan. Tickets for the program (at $.90) are available at the Ski Hut, 1615 University Ave., Berkeley, and through the Club office.

--Bob Swift

The Gourmet Guide is a special Yodeler directory of places suitable for knapsackers and other Sierran weekenders to get good meals and service, at reasonable prices. It can be quite discouraging to have a sad meal and find later you should have driven one mile more.

The Guide is compiled from recommendations of your fellow Sierrans. You won't find any thing like it in any other publications, and you won't find it in the Yodeler either, unless we get some contributions soon.

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WANTED: The Yodeler needs a good used enlarger. Must be reasonable. Many times there isn't time for the Yodeler staff to wait for normal processing of film. A good enlarger would help us get over this hurdle as we now have a good dark room in which to to install it. Call Lou Elliott, HIgate 4-2054 or OLympic 5-3801.

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COVER PHOTO

Above camp 2, about 18,000 elevation, on Rakaposhi, in the Himalayas. Photo by Bob Swift, looking down on British Climbers Mike Banks and Hamish MacInnes.